

THIS RESOLUTION IS OFFERED TO COMPLY WITH MCL 4.101, MCL 4.541, AND  
RULE 37 OF THE STANDING RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 224

Reps. LaGrand, Lasinski, Hertel, Tate, Hope, O'Neal, Breen,  
Puri, Peterson, Thanedar, Brixie, Neeley, Scott, Cherry, Sneller and  
Cynthia Johnson offered the following resolution:

1       A resolution to create the House Select Committee on Ethics.  
2       Whereas, Article XI, Section 1 of the *Constitution of the*  
3 *State of Michigan of 1963* provides, in relevant part:  
4       All officers, legislative, executive and judicial, before  
5 entering upon the duties of their respective offices, shall  
6 take and subscribe the following oath or affirmation: I do  
7 solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the  
8 Constitution of the United States and the constitution of  
9 this state, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties  
10 of the office of ..... according to the best of my  
11 ability...

1 ; and

2 Whereas, Rule 74(4) of the Standing Rules of the House of  
3 Representatives states:

4 A Member shall not convert for personal, business and/or  
5 campaign use, unrelated to House business, any supplies,  
6 services, facilities, or staff provided by the State of  
7 Michigan. This includes, but is not limited to, telephones,  
8 telecopy machines, computers, postage, and copy machines.

9 ; now, therefore, be it

10 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the House  
11 Select Committee on Ethics is created. The select committee shall  
12 consist of six members. Three members of the select committee shall  
13 be members of the House Republican Caucus. Three members of the  
14 select committee shall be members of the House Democratic Caucus.  
15 The Speaker of the House and the House Minority Leader shall each  
16 designate a co-chair of the select committee; and be it further

17 Resolved, That the House Select Committee on Ethics may  
18 subpoena witnesses, administer oaths, and examine the books,  
19 records, and tapes of any person, partnership, association, or  
20 corporation, public or private, involved in a matter properly  
21 before the committee; may call upon the services and personnel of  
22 any agency of the state and its political subdivisions; and may  
23 engage such assistance as it deems necessary; and be it further

24 Resolved, That the House Select Committee on Ethics shall have  
25 the power to investigate impropriety, unjust or illicit self-  
26 enrichment, or gross misconduct, and to work in conjunction with  
27 law enforcement on suspected criminal activity by current and  
28 former members of the House of Representatives for the purposes of  
29 transparency, to inform the public, and to consider disciplinary

1 action; and be it further

2 Resolved, That the House Select Committee on Ethics shall:

3 1. Act only on complaints made publicly, tendered with an  
4 offer of proof and subject to criminal penalties for  
5 knowingly false statements in tendered complaints.

6 2. Open investigations only by vote of a majority of each  
7 Caucus' members serving on the select committee.

8 3. Conduct all deliberations in public, and make all  
9 documents tendered to the select committee freely  
10 available to the public and comply with the Open Meetings  
11 Act.

12 ; and be it further

13 Resolved, That the House Select Committee on Ethics shall  
14 report its findings and recommendations to the House of  
15 Representatives.